## **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**



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TO:

**EACH SUPERVISOR** 

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PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING RAINSTORMS

This memorandum is to advise your Honorable Board of the preparations the Los Angeles County Fire Department (Department) is taking regarding the upcoming rainstorms. As in the past, these types of rainstorms have the potential to initiate mud and debris flows in areas that have suffered wildfires over the past three to five years. The Department has command staff individuals focusing on the areas in the Glendora/Azusa area, the La Canada/ La Crescenta area, and the Lake Hughes/Elizabeth areas.

#### **Agency Coordination**

The Department's division chiefs have reached out to the County and city partners in law enforcement, public works and emergency management to identify coordinated efforts regarding evacuations, flood fighting and infrastructure monitoring. These efforts have been captured in incident action plans and coordination documents to assist in incident coordination.

### **Augmented Staffing and Resource Deployment**

The Department will staff additional quick response vehicles (patrols) to constantly monitor the conditions in the affected communities. Rescue task forces with heavy equipment resources will be deployed to perform technical rescues of trapped individuals should a debris flow take place.

# **Command Staff Readiness**

The Department will be communicating with identified command staff on an ongoing basis and ensure the Incident Management Team is in a state of readiness should a large scale incident arise.

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